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TAGS: PFOR, NATO, LY

SUBJ: LIBYAN CLAIM TO GULF OF SIRTE

REF: NATO 5362

1. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT PREFERS ORIGINAL UK VERSION OF DRAFT NOTE TO LARG USING "PROTEST", WE WOULD ACCEPT ITALIAN MODIFICATION IF THIS WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STATES SENDING IDENTICAL NOTES. ITALY'S STATUS AS A NEIGHBORING STATE MAKES HER PARTICIPATION PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. IF ITALY AND UK SEND DIFFERENT VERSIONS WE WILL EXAMINE BOTH TEXTS AS POSSIBLE PATTERN FOR US TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT.

2. WE SUGGEST ORIGINAL UK TEXT BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. FIRST PARAGRAPH, SECOND SENTENCE, DELETE  
"COAST" AND SUBSTITUTE "STANDARD BASE LINE." REASON:  
LIBYAN COAST IS SUCH THAT MEASUREMENT MUST BE FROM STANDARD  
BASE LINE.

B. THIRD PARAGRAPH, FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE "271" AND  
SUBSTITUTE "OVER 300." REASON: WE MEASURE LARG STRAIGHT  
BASE LINE AT OVER 300 NM.

3. FYI - DEPARTMENT PREPARING PROTEST NOTE TO LARG/EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON COVERING SIRTE AND OTHER LOS PROBLEMS INCLUDING:

A. US VIEWS ON LARG CLAIMED 12 NM TERRITORIAL SEA  
LIMIT VICE 3 NM CLAIM RECOGNIZED BY USG;

B. MINING WITHIN TERRITORIAL WATERS AS INTERFERENCE  
WITH RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE; AND

C. LACK OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF  
MINEFIELDS.

USG WOULD BE WILLING TO USE IDENTICAL LANGUAGE FOR PROTEST  
ON SIRTE MATTER AND TO SEPARATE PROTEST ON THAT ISSUE  
FROM OTHERS IF NATO COULD ARRIVE AT UNANIMOUS POSITION.  
THIS DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE BASED ON OUR READING OF REFTEL.  
ITALIANS AND NORWEGIANS HAVE APPROACHED US HERE INDIVIDUA-  
LLY TO SOLICIT OUR VIEWS ON MEANS OF EFFECTIVE PROTEST.  
WE ARE PREPARING TELEGRAM TO OUR POSTS IN NATO COUNTRIES  
AND IN OTHERS POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN LARG LOS ACTIONS IN  
ORDER TO CONSULT BILATERALLY ON FULL RANGE OF OUTSTANDING  
LOS ISSUES. TIMING OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS AND OF PROTEST  
TO LARG IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. END FYI.

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